

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M. February 9, 1850,

The Senate was called to order by the President—Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cook, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill for the relief of George C. Arnest;

A bill to authorize the withdrawal from the General Land Office, of deeds issued on paper of the second seal.

And that the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference, on a bill to incorporate the Brazos, San Bernard and Oyster Creek, Canal and Navigation Company.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to which was referred a bill to provide for settling the fiscal affairs of the late Republic of Texas, and for the more prompt collection of the revenue accruing under the State of Texas; reported the same with the following amendments, and recommended its passage:

In caption, strike out all after "Texas" in third line.

Section 13th, strike out all after "them" in third line from the bottom.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference, on the following bills:

A bill to establish the judicial districts of the District Courts, and to prescribe the time of holding the courts, in the 8th and 9th judicial districts;

A bill to establish the La Salle and El Paso Railway Company.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the Finance committee, to which was referred a bill to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes; reported the same back to the Senate with the following amendments, and recommend its passage:

*Amendments:*

Second section, fifth line, strike out "Governor of the State and his successors in office" and insert, "State of Texas."

Second section, at end of section add, "by the county court of his county."

Twelfth section, second line, between the words "inhabitants and town lots" insert, "land."

Fifteenth section, fourth line, strike out "January" and insert, "October."

Nineteenth section, twenty-eighth line, after December insert, "next after the assessment thereof," at end of section insert "thereafter."

Twenty-third section, fourth line, before twenty-second insert "nineteenth and."

Thirty-fifth section, add at end of section "for each and every month he may so fail or refuse to surrender up his tax list to his successor."

Mr. Pease moved to suspend the rule requiring reports to lay on table one day, carried and report and bill taken up; amendments adopted and bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended and bill read third time and passed.

The Senate adopted the report of the committee of Conference on the joint resolutions instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, upon the subject of the United States District Court, for the District of Texas.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 9th, 1850.

HON. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate :*

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our representatives in the Congress of the United States, to oppose the substitution of specific duties on imports in place of the present *ad valorem* system, have considered the same and directed me to report it back without amendment, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had concurred in the amendment of the Senate to incorporate the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company.

Mr. Robertson chairman of the committee on State Affairs, reported that the Senate refuse to pass the substitute of the House to the Senate's bill, to provide for the liquidation of the public debt, and that the Senate insist on their bill.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended, and bill and substitute taken up; report adopted by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace—16.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Truit and Walker—3.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the bill to organize the county of Trinity, correctly enrolled.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to amend an act entitled an act to raise a revenue by taxation.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a joint resolution to permit the Supreme Court to hold their sessions in the Capitol of the State; reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Portis, the rule was suspended, and report taken up.

Mr. Gage moved to lay the resolution on the table; lost; passed to third reading.

Mr. Robertson moved to suspend the rule; carried; resolution read third time and passed.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the committee of Conference, on part of the Senate, made the following report:

The committee of Conference on the amendment made by the House, to an act to incorporate the Brazos, San Bernard and Oyster Creek, Canal and Navigation Company, have agreed to substitute for said amendment, the following:

Sec. 16. That this charter shall not interfere with the charter granted to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company, and nothing in this section shall prevent this company from commencing operations under this charter; all of which is respectfully recommended.

A. H. PHILLIPS,

*Chairman on the part of the Senate.*

GUY M. BRYAN,

*Chairman on the part of the House.*

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Grimes, Kinney, Moffett, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—20.

Mr. Phillips also made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 9th, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The committee of Conference, appointed to consider the bill to establish the La Salle and El Paso Railway, and the disagreement of the Senate to the amendment proposed by the House;

report that a majority of the committee recommend that the House recede from their amendment.

A. H. PHILLIPS,

*Chairman on part of the Senate.*

D. M. STAPP,

*Chairman on part of the House.*

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill for the relief of Robert O'Neill.

Mr. Phillips introduced a bill by leave, to make an appropriation for the purchase of certain books for the use of the Supreme Court; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Phillips, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred resolutions on the subject of the Southern Convention; report that a majority of the committee recommend the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Pease, with the following amendment:

Sec. 2. That the returns of said election for the eastern Congressional District, shall be made to the Chief Justice of Rusk county; and the returns of the western Congressional District, to the Department of State.

A bill to amend an act to raise a revenue by direct Taxation; read first time; rule suspended, read second time.

Mr. Robertson moved to strike out fifty cents for poll tax, and insert one dollar.

Yeas—Mr. Robertson—1.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker, Ward and Wallace—19; lost.

Mr. Robertson moved to strike out "fifteen" and insert "twelve and a half cents," as the *ad valorem* tax.

Yeas—Messrs. Cooke, Kinney, Portis, Robertson and Truit—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Davis, Gage, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Taylor, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—16. Lost.

Mr. Davis moved to strike out "fifteen" and insert "twenty-five."

Yeas—Mr. Davis—1.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—20. Lost.

Mr. Brashear moved the previous question ; carried and bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Jasper Cotton Manufacturing Company, passed by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—18.

Joint resolution requesting the Hon. J. O. Watrous, to hold terms of the United States District Court, at Jefferson in Cass county and Victoria, in Victoria county ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Portis, rule suspended, read second time.

Mr. Portis moved to strike out "Victoria" and insert "Corpus Christi;" upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip and Walker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Grimes, Latimer and Phillips—3.

Mr. Taylor moved to strike out "Jefferson" and insert "Marshall;" the yeas and nays stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Burleson, Davis, Kinney, McRae, Taylor and Truit—6.

Nays—Messrs. Grimes, Latimer, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Robertson, Van Derlip, Ward and Walker—9.

Carried ; bill then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ward moved to suspend the rule ; carried ; bill read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill making an appropriation for the support of the government, for the years 1850 and 1851 ; and that the House concur in amendments of Senate to the Tax bill.

The report of committee of Conference, on bills relative to the 5th and 6th judicial districts ; was adopted.

The report of committee of Conference, on a bill in relation to the 8th and 9th judicial districts ; was adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a joint resolution, authorizing the Comptroller to settle with P. H. Bell, late Captain of Texas mounted volunteers.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported as follows :

The committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the bill to authorize and require the Auditor and Comptroller, to audit and allow as a valid claim against the Republic of Texas, a debt contracted to pay the expenses of the escort for General Santa Anna from Texas to Washington city.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the report of the Judiciary committee on the resolutions in relation to a Southern Convention, was taken up; report adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the report of the Finance committee on a bill to provide for settling the fiscal affairs of the late Republic of Texas, and for the more prompt collection of the revenue accruing to the State of Texas; was taken up.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill originating in the Senate for the relief of the heirs of Louis P. Cooke;

Also, a substitute to the Senate's bill supplementary to an act to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists, the lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said company.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House insisted on their substitute to the Senate's bill providing for the liquidation of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas, and had appointed Messrs. Smith of Red River, Cramp of Bexar, and Franklin, a committee of Conference on the part of the House of Representatives, and requested a like committee on part of the Senate; Messrs. Parker, Grimes and Walker, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Brashear introduced by leave, a joint resolution for the relief of Jacob De Cordova; read first time; rule suspended. read second time and referred to select committee; Messrs. Brashear, Latimer and Taylor, were appointed said committee.

The report of committee on Finance, on a bill in relation to the revenue being before the Senate, (taken up on Mr. Robertson's motion, just previous to the adjournment this morning,) was read; report adopted; bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Robertson moved to suspend the rule, the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Ward and Wallace—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Pease, Phillips, Taylor and Van Derlip—5.

Senate refused to suspend the rule.

A bill making appropriations for the support of the government, for the years 1850 and 1851; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Portis, rule was suspended; read second time; and, on motion of Mr. McRae, referred to committee on Finance.

Mr. Parker, chairman of the committee of Conference on part of the Senate, on a bill for the liquidation of the public debt of the late Republic of Texas; reported that the House recede from their substitute, and that the Senate's bill be passed.

A bill supplementary to an act to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists, the lands to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said Company; substitute from the House read first time; and, on motion of Mr. Portis, rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill to provide a remedy for the loss or destruction of the records and papers appertaining to the courts of this State; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Moffett, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Burleson, a bill to authorize John J. Grumbles and Lyman Tarbox, to establish a Ferry across the Colorado River, was taken up; read second time and passed to a third reading; rule suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The bill to authorize and require the Auditor and Comptroller, to audit and allow as a valid claim against the Republic of Texas, a debt contracted to pay the expenses of the escort for Gen. Santa Anna, from Texas to Washington City;

Also, a bill to organize the county of Trinity; were this day presented to the Governor of the State.

The committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined the bill for the relief of George T. Howard and Duncan C. Ogden;

Also, a bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican army at San Antonio ;

Also, a bill to provide for the election of a Judge and District Attorney, for the twelfth judicial district ;

Also, a bill for the relief of certain persons, formerly prisoners of war in Mexico ;

Also, a bill for the relief of John R. Baker ;

Also, a bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Charles Martin, deceased ;

Also, a bill for the relief of Edward Miles ;

Also, a bill to authorize the county of Harris to levy and collect a special tax, not to exceed one-half of the State tax for said county ;

Also, a bill for the relief of the heirs of those who fell with Fannin, Ward, Travis, Grant and Johnson, during the war with Mexico in the years 1835 and 1836 ;

Also, a bill for the relief of the heirs at law of Jesse Bledsoe ;

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Livingston ;

Also, a bill to authorize Judges of the District Courts, to hold special terms of the District Courts ;

Also, a bill granting Isaac Dewees and Thomas M. Brown, the privilege of establishing a Ferry across the river Sabine ;

Also, a bill to amend an act entitled an act for the incorporation of the city of Laredo ;

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Marshall ;

Also, a bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue head right certificates, fourth class, for three hundred and twenty acres each, to Juan Contreras and Juan Arbilo ;

And a bill declaring a portion of Caney Creek in Matagorda county, a public highway, and providing for the removal of the obstructions therein; the committee report them correctly enrolled.

A bill to validate certain patents therein designated ; read second time and passed to a third reading by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace—15.

Nays—Messrs. Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, Parker, and Walker—6.

Bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Brashear moved a reconsideration of the vote which refused to suspend the rule, that a bill in relation to the revenue might be read a third time.

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Hart,

Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truitt, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—18.

Nays—Messrs. Pease and Phillips—2.

Vote reconsidered, rule suspended, bill read third time and Mr. Gage moved to strike out "joint ballot of both Houses of the Legislature" and insert, "Comptroller of Public Accounts;" lost.

Mr. Hart moved to strike out the 10th section; carried; yeas and nays on the passage of the bill stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truitt, Walker, Ward and Wallace—16.

Nays—Messrs. Pease and Phillips—2.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference on a bill to provide for the liquidation of the Public Debt, and had passed the following bills:

A bill to authorize the Governor to suppress rebellion in the State, etc.;

A bill to establish the court of organization for the county of Santa Fe, and to define its jurisdiction and powers;

And a joint resolution instructing our Senators, etc. etc.

Mr. Grimes chairman of committee on Finance, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution for the payment of J. O. Hawley, Chaplain to the Senate, have authorized me to report a substitute for the original resolution, and recommend its passage.

Substitute—*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to pay to Mrs. E. M. Hawley, widow of J. O. Hawley, deceased, late Chaplain of the Senate, at the rate of three dollars per day for the time he actually served the Senate as Chaplain, out of the contingent fund of the Legislature.

Report taken up and substitute rejected.

Mr. Portis moved to amend the original resolution; carried, and resolution adopted.

A bill making an appropriation to enable the Governor to procure a full set of Weights and Measures; read third time.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Green K. Cessna and Nancy K. Cessna; read third time and passed.

A bill to change the name of Jesse Gilliam to that of Jesse

Tarrant Gilliam ; read second time and passed to third reading ; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill making an appropriation of money to build a fire-proof General Land Office ; read second time and passed to a third reading.

A bill to authorize the Auditor and Comptroller of Public Accounts, to audit the claims of the officers and men called out by Brigadier Generals Tarrant and Smith, in 1841 ; read second time and passed to a third reading.

Mr. Hart offered an amendment : Provided that the claims when audited may be surrendered, and receive land scrip therefor, as provided in an act for the payment of the public debt ; withdrawn ; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to establish the court of organization in the county of Santa Fe, and to define its jurisdiction and powers ; read first time.

Mr. Wallace moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace—15.

Nays—Mr. Robertson—1 ; carried.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, Senate adjourned until half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Grimes chairman of Finance committee, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 9th, 1850.

HON. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate :*

The majority of the Finance committee, to whom was referred a bill making appropriations for the support of government for the years 1850 and 1851, have had the bill under consideration, and report it to the Senate with amendments, and recommend its passage.

*Amendments.*

1st. Spanish Clerk in General Land Office, strike out "\$800" and insert "\$1000."

2nd. Salaries of District Attorneys, etc., insert "each" after "dollars."

3rd. For Sergeant-at-arms and Door-keeper, strike out "four" and insert, "three."

4th. For distributing laws and journals, etc., after "journals"

insert, "and report of committee to investigate the books, etc., in Comptroller's and Treasurer's Office, and report of Comptroller."

5th. Strike out "for the payment of expenses in prosecuting delinquent receivers of public moneys, \$ 00."

6th. For surveying land scrip heretofore surveyed, \$300.

7th. For pension of Joseph Cecil, insert "if living."

8th. Strike out all respecting pension to heirs of Mary Milsaps.

9th. For amount due to W. H. Cushney for printing, etc., at end of sentence insert, "\$300, or so much thereof as may be necessary,"

10th. For hire of extra Clerk in Comptroller's Office, in assisting investigating committee, \$62 50 cents.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the rule was suspended, and report and bill taken up.

The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the first amendment, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, McRae, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Van Derlip and Ward—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hart, Latimer, Pease, Phillips, Walker and Wallace—7 ; adopted.

Second amendment adopted.

Third amendment, the yeas and nays stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Gage, Grimes, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Taylor, Truit, Walker, Ward and Wallace—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Latimer, Portis, Robertson and Van Derlip—8.

4th Amendment adopted; 5th amendment adopted; 6th amendment, the yeas and nays stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Van Derlip, Walker and Wallace—14.

Nays—Messrs. Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Truit and Ward—7 ; adopted.

7th Amendment, Mr. Burleson moved to insert, "for pension to David F. Webb, \$100 per annum ;" carried ; 7th amendment as amended was adopted.

8th Amendment adopted ; 9th amendment adopted ; 10th amendment adopted ;

Mr. Wallace moved to reconsider the vote which adopted the third amendment ; carried ; question on its adoption.

Yeas—Messrs. Burleson, Gage, McRae, Moffett, Phillips, Taylor and Ward—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Davis, Hart, Latimer, Parker,

Pease, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker and Wallace—13.

Mr. Robertson moved to increase the salary of Comptroller \$300; adopted.

Mr. Phillips moved to strike out "\$1000" for salary of Secretary of State, and insert "\$1200."

Yeas—Messrs. Davis, Gage, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor and Van Derlip—9.

Nays—Messrs. Cooke, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace—10.

Mr. Gage offered the following amendment: "extra Clerk's hire in Comptroller's Office \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary;" adopted.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment: "for frontier protection \$5000 annually."

Mr. Pease offered an amendment to the amendment: "provided that this appropriation shall not authorize the expenditure of a larger amount on the faith of the State."

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—19.

Nays—Messrs. Burleson and Davis—2.

The yeas and nays were called on the adoption of Mr. Robertson's amendment as amended, and stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Gage, Parker, Portis and Robertson—8.

Nays—Messrs. Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace—13.

Mr. Davis offered to amend the bill so as to give the Chief Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate each, five dollars per diem; upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Cooke, Davis, Moffett, Portis, Robertson, Van Derlip and Wallace—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Pease, Phillips, Taylor, Truit, Ward and Walker—14.

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment: "for the benefit of Peters' colony, to be divided equally among the settlers \$500."

Mr. Truit offered to amend by striking out "Peters" and inserting, "Walker's."

Mr. Van Derlip offered the following amendment: "for trans-

lating and publishing laws of a general nature into the German language, \$500 or so much thereof as may be necessary," adopted, bill passed to third reading; on motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended, and bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Moffett, Parker, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker and Ward—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davis, Hart, Latimer, McRae, Pease, Phillips, Portis and Wallace—8.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 9, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The committee on Enrolled Bills have examined a bill to authorize the withdrawal from the Land Office, of deeds issued upon paper of the second seal;

A bill to create the county of Trinity;

A bill for the relief of *bona fide* claimants to lands entitled to the benefits of an act entitled an act to provide for the investigation of land claims;

A bill for the relief George C. Arnest; all of which are correctly enrolled.

Mr. Ward, one of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Feb. 9th, 1850.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,

*President of the Senate:*

The Enrolling committee have examined an act to establish the Marshall Railway and Plank Road Company, and find it correctly enrolled; the same having been signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, was this day presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Phillips moved that the Senator from Bexar be authorized to draw the amount of per diem pay, and for funeral expenses of Rev. J. O. Hawley, and pay over the same to the widow of the deceased; carried.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had concurred in the amendment of the Senate to a bill to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes; and had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill making appropriations for the support of the government for the years 1850 and 1851; and had adopted the Senate's substitute to the House bill to amend the fourth section of an act, approved

March 13th, 1848, entitled an act to amend sections 10, 11, 13 and 22, of an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved May 12, 1846; and had passed the following bills:

An act supplementary to an act to restore lands sold for Taxes, to their former owners; read first time; on motion of Mr. Cooke, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to third reading; on motion of Mr. Cooke, rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

An act to grant twelve thousand acres of land scrip to Mrs. Sophia J. St. John, wife of Samuel J. St. John, jr.; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

An act to enable emigrants from foreign countries to hold lands in Texas; and had adopted the report of the committee of Conference on a bill regulating elections.

A bill for the relief of Robert E. Neill; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of J. B. Hoxie, William C. Harrison and William E. Parker; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Weston, deceased, and their assigns; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to validate certain patents therein designated; read second time and passed to third reading; rule suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill to change the names of Magdalena Margaret and Roberta W. Simpson, minor daughters of Rev. James Simpson, to Magdalena Eliza Walker, and Roberta W. Walker; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and passed to third reading; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr Portis, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.